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Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor,
School Committee, etc., etc.,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Cash on hand, March 1, 1880,	\$1,765 78
Received of C. W. Pulsifer, lease money,	5 00
" Lyman Lucas, "	3 00
" J. M. Blaisdell, "	6 00
" A. Robie, orders on county treasurer for support of poor,	1,096 39
" State treasurer, railroad tax, 1880,	54 88
" " savings bank tax, 1880,	272 08
" " literary fund tax, 1880,	108 41
" on E. Gilman's note,	50 00
" of Ephraim Cook	25 00
" Mrs. C. H. Rogers, lease money,	3 00
" J. H. Caldon, endorsed on note,	2 00
" J. C. Blair,	1 00
" Ann Hill, gave town note,	888 00
" A. H. Cook, interest on lease note,	4 25
" cash on note,	21 12
" of A. Robie, collector for 1875,	15 00
" " " 1876,	25 00
" " " 1877,	25 00
" A. H. Cook, " 1878,	134 00
" " " 1879,	1,199 14
" E. H. Keniston, collector for 1880,	5,188 88
Whole amount received,	\$10,897 93

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Paid Sarah F. Adams, note and interest,	\$289 86
Emma G. Wells, " "	201 16
Thomas J. Sanborn, regulating check list,	4 50
Mason & Fox, execution against the town,	187 43
Thomas Pressey, lanterns for Village bridge,	4 00
lease and literary money.	151 62
Elkins Willey, highway labor,	2 50
J. Appleton Samborn, recording births,	1 50
Morrill & Silsby for book,	3 16
Bingham, Mitchell & Bachellor, legal advice,	10 00
A. P. Carpenter, legal advice,	5 00
Matilda R. Dow, abatement,	2 40
for sheep, killed by dogs,	44 00
J. M. French, for return of three deaths,	0 75
Morrill & Silsby, bill for stationery,	5 60
Wm. Morrill, endorsed on town note,	30 00
C. H. Kimball, printing town report,	30 00
J. M. French, services as school committee,	20 75
Wm. Morrill, endorsed on town note,	30 00
S. J. Philbrick, iron work for bridges,	35 23
L. G. Smith, road damages,	8 00
Mary A. Heath, endorsed on note,	50 00
Thos. J. Sanborn, preparing check list,	12 50
Wm. Morrill, endorsed on note,	100 00
Sally Luce, " "	346 83
Betsey Farrar, " "	4 00
O. M. Page, Jr., abatement ox lost,	0 57
R. D. Page, breaking roads, Jan. and Feb., 1880,	4 64
J. W. Hussey, labor and plank for highway,	17 00
D. G. Southmayd, abatement cow lost,	0 57
C. G. Avery, " "	0 48
Daniel Morrill, endorsed on Wm. Morrill's note,	150 00
Solon A. Carter, state tax, 1880,	760 00
A. G. Smythe, county tax,	1,279 46
Almira C. Barrows, note and interest,	328 80
E. J. Young, endorsed on Baptist Society's note,	4 00
Dustin Moulton, plank for highway,	16 01
W. Dearborn, for water trough,	3 00
F. E. & J. D. Morse, plank for highway,	14 71
Hardy Merrill, for water trough,	3 00

Paid Geo. Smith, work on highway, 1879,	\$3 60
S. M. Batchelder, " " Oct. 1879,	4 71
John M. Calley, plank for highway,	9 00
D. C. Hill, labor for " "	56 75
C. W. Pulsifer, for water trough,	1 50
Wm. P. Garland, labor on highway,	31 77
C. W. Cook, powder fuse and spikes,	2 95
S. H. Stickney, plank and labor,	36 28
Stephen Avery, water trough,	3 00
Isaac L. Adams, services as supervisor,	15 50
Daniel Brown, labor on highway, 1879,	7 00
A. Keniston, water trough,	2 00
J. M. Ames, non-resident tax,	6 08
G. W. Homans, labor on highway,	13 30
S. J. Sanborn, " " "	2 56
Henry Kelley, " " "	6 00
J. E. Hill, note and interest dated June 1, 1878,	883 00
Elijah Mitchell, labor on bridge,	5 00
A. Morrison, abatement cow lost,	1 33
R. D. Page, labor on highway,	1 76
D. W. Ames for plank,	93
Henry Flint, abatement, cow lost,	45
Nathan Pierce, on dog over taxed,	1 00
R. H. Copithorn, " " "	1 00
Wm. G. Brown, wood for town house,	1 00
Archie Robie, support of poor,	1,475 00
J. M. B. Rogers, school money, district No. 1,	52 89
Geo. O. Brown, " " " 2,	159 83
S. J. Philbrick, " " " 3,	143 71
Dustin Moulton, " " " 4,	60 00
John M. Calley, " " " 5,	61 82
Edgar Merrill, " " " 6,	84 90
E. C. Southmayd, " " " 7,	66 17
Wm. P. Garland, " " " 8,	60 00
J. C. Blair, " " " 9,	82 31
Frank A. Avery, " " " 10,	56 61
Henry H. Brown, " " " 11,	62 85
Wm. H. Stickney, " " " 12,	95 54
Archie Robie, " " " 13,	44 24
Mrs. C. H. Rogers, " " " 14,	57 18
Smith Batchelder, labor on highway,	14 83
B. J. Philbrick, work upon and lighting bridge,	15 28

Paid S. J. Philbrick, services as town clerk,	25 00
S. J. Philbrick, bridge lanterns,	2 15
Burleigh & Adams, legal advice,	7 00
W. S. Plaisted, abatement, house burnt,	4 27
Wm. Sanborn, labor on highway,	5 50
Joseph Bronsett, " "	6 07
Joseph Wallace, " "	6 72
J. W. Morrison for water trough,	1 50
Freeman Avery, abatement, horse lost,	38
Archie Robie, non-resident tax,	1 60
" work on clay bank,	14 35
" for plank,	18 59
" labor on highway,	7 68
C. B. Caldon, labor on highway,	12 15
C. C. Smith, water trough,	1 50
Allen Willey, " "	3 00
T. P. Clark, non-resident highway tax,	3 32
Geo. H. Little, boarding town officers and water-trough,	22 20
Quincy Blakely, services as school committee,	30 00
E. H. Keniston, abatement of taxes,	12 46
Geo. O. Brown for plank,	3 14
John S. Bump, plank and non-resident highway tax,	8 22
Wm. H. Fellows, work on Osgood bridge,	1 00
G. S. Bartlett, services as town treasurer,	35 00
Mark Spokesfield, services as selectman,	43 75
John M. Ames, labor on highway,	3 50
J. C. Nelson for plank,	12 10
Leroy G. Smith, services as selectman,	56 40
G. S. Bartlett, non-resident highway tax,	26 88
A. H. Cook, plank and highway tax,	16 15
E. Dole, stationery and expenses,	5 50
E. Dole, services as selectman,	62 50
A. H. Cook, abatement on tax, 1878,	34 37
" " " 1879,	45 03
H. K. Smith, damage to horse,	8 00
Wm. S. Bickford, care of town house,	7 65
O. H. James, services as supervisor,	10 50
E. H. Keniston, non-resident tax,	1 06
A. Robie, services as overseer poor,	55 00

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Paid D. B. Keniston, services as auditor,	1 50
Thos. J. Sanborn. services as auditor and supervisor,	7 50
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Whole amount paid,	\$8,508 92
Cash in treasury, March 1, 1881,	2,389 01
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	\$10,897 93

G. S. BARTLETT,
Treasurer.

ERASTUS DOLE,
LEROY G. SMITH,
MARK SPOKESFIELD,
Selectmen of Campton.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correct, and the charges properly vouched.

D. B. KENISTON,
T. J. SANBORN,
Auditors.

Campton, March 1, 1881.

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Notes and interest,	\$18,428 43
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RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Uncollected taxes for 1871,	\$64 25	
“ 1872,	40 12	
“ 1873-74,	9 95	
“ 1875,	20 96	
“ 1876,	89 32	
“ 1877,	145 58	
“ 1878,	486 92	
“ 1879,	1,208 92	
“ 1880,	1,341 92	
Cash in treasury,	2,389 01	
Notes due the town,	504 00	
Due from the county,	527 47	
Money in hand, overseer of poor,	85 05	
		6,913 47
Leaving the indebtedness of the town,		\$11,514 96

SCHOOL MONEY FOR 1880.

Paid District No. 1,	\$52 89
“ 2,	159 83
“ 3,	163 71
“ 4,	135 33
“ 5,	61 82
“ 6,	84 90
“ 7,	66 17
“ 8,	76 62
“ 9,	82 31
“ 10,	56 61

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Paid District No. 11,	\$62 85
" 12,	95 54
" 13,	44 24
" 14,	57 18
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	\$1,200 00

SCHOOL MONEY UNDRAWN.

District No. 3.	\$20 00
" 4,	75 33
" 8,	16 62
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	\$111 95

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Town of Campton in account with Archie Robie, Overseer of the Poor.

1880.	CR.
By balance of last year's account,	\$55 36
Received of town treasurer,	1,475 00
Order county treasurer,	1,096 39
Received of New Hampton,	40 00
	<hr/> \$2,666 75

1880.	DR.
Paid Simeon Rogers,	\$6 00
Dr. J. M. French, medical attendance of Simeon Rogers' family,	9 00
A. B. Fisher for support and clothing and medicine,	135 28
G. W. Robinson for A. B. Fisher, last year,	2 29
Peabody Palmer and wife, to February 28,	136 71
H. H. Willey, State Reform School,	78 00
Anna Elliott, expenses and sickness,	37 65
Ruth J. Morse and children, to July 8,	50 00
Dr. A. D. Muchmore, medical attendance for Ruth J. Morse and family,	15 50
Cummings Annis, support,	75 00
“ “ for clothing,	1 95
“ “ for the first half year, 1881,	37 50
Mrs. M. B. Avery, by E. H. Sanborn,	220 04
E. Dole & Co. for Mrs. M. B. Avery,	6 87
E. H. Sanborn for Samuel Jacobs and wife,	68 05
Dr. W. A. Smith for Samuel Jacobs,	16 00
Dr. A. D. Muchmore, Samuel Jacobs,	88
John Stevens,	82 50
Luther Webber and wife,	102 00
Dr. T. Rogers for L. Webber and wife,	11 75

Paid A. Robie for looking up Kate B. Hunt's residence, and postage and stationery,	5 25
Mrs. Kate B. Hunt's child,	53 00
Mrs. Salome Hanscom,	52 00
Mrs. Naomi Percival,	52 00
George A. Avery,	48 75
Ennice Thompson,	43 65
Elmira Palmer for support and clothing,	44 93
Mrs. Mary Hutchins for Edson Hutchins,	37 56
Dr. S. W. Davis for medical attendance, E. Hutchins,	37 00
County commissioners' order to town treasurer,	1,096 39
A. Robie for money paid out, postage and stationery,	5 00
S. J. Philbrick for examining records,	1 50
C. A. Chase, town clerk of Rumney, examining records;	20
Town clerk of Littleton, examining records, Levi Farmer,	50
Levi Dolloff, town clerk of Waterville, for examining records in E. S. Drake case,	1 00
E. S. Drake, affidavit and examining records of Arnold S. Drake,	2 50
Levi Farmer,	7 50
By cash on hand,	85 05
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	\$2,666 75

ARCHIE ROBIE,

Overseer of Poor.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correct, and the charges properly vouched.

D. B. KENISTON,

T. J. SANBORN,

Auditors.

Campton, Feb. 28, 1881.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERY.

Town of Campton in account with George H.
Little, Superintendent of Cemetery.

1880.	DR.
To one-half day's work,	\$0 75
One day's work,	1 50
Manure,	1 00
One-half day's work with team,	1 50
Two days' work,	3 00
One "	1 50
	<hr/> \$9 25
	CR.
By cash from last year,	\$10 74
Cash of D. Williams for one-half lot sold,	5 00
	<hr/> \$15 74
	9 25
	<hr/> \$6 49
Cash on hand,	
Amount due on lots sold.	
Elkins Willey,	\$9 54
Isaac McCausland,	5 00
Philip Keniston,	5 00
F. L. Moulton,	5 00
James Nelson,	5 00
	<hr/> \$29 54

GEORGE H. LITTLE, *Supt.*

Having examined the foregoing accounts we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. B. KENISTON,
T. J. SANBORN,

Feb. 28, 1881.

Auditors.

NUMBER ENTOMBED AND BURIED IN CEMETERY.

From 1 to 5 years of age,	3
5 to 10 "	2
10 to 15 "	0
15 to 20 "	1
20 to 25 "	0
25 to 30 "	4
30 to 35 "	1
35 to 40 "	0
40 to 45 "	0
45 to 50 "	0
50 to 55 "	1
55 to 60 "	1
60 to 65 "	4
65 to 70 "	1
70 to 75 "	3
75 to 80 "	1
80 to 85 "	4
85 to 90 "	1
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J. C. BLAIR, *Sexton.*

Campton, N. H., March 1, 1881.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

John M. French, who was elected school committee at the last March meeting, superintended the summer schools in districts Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14. Dr. French having removed to Simsbury, Ct., I was appointed to fill the vacancy. His report is herewith transmitted:

DISTRICT NO. 2—HOLLOW.

School money, \$159.83. Prudential committee, George O. Brown. Summer term of 10 weeks, May 4th to July 9th. Teacher, Jennie S. Emmons, of Bristol. Number of pupils, 25; average attendance, 23.

Miss Emmons has taught seven terms in town, this being the third in this district. She is an unusually efficient teacher, and has made her school, all things considered, the best in town. Every pupil seemed interested, and all have made good progress.

DISTRICT NO. 3—VILLAGE.

School money, \$163.71. Prudential committee, Sylvester J. Philbrick. Summer term of 9

weeks, May 17th to July 16th. Teacher, May A. Gordon, of Thornton. Number of pupils, 30; average attendance, 27.

Miss Gordon is a graduate of the Normal school, and a conscientious and faithful teacher. The school, however, is not an easy one to manage. The cause of this, in my judgment, lies very largely in the lack of co-operation on the part of the parents with the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 4—WEST CAMPTON.

School money, \$135.33. Prudential committee, Dustin Moulton. Summer term of 10 weeks, May 17th to July 23rd. Teacher, Lizzie P. Whittemore, of Bridgewater. Number of pupils, 27; average attendance, 23.

Miss Whittemore has done thorough work, and secured good discipline in her school.

DISTRICT NO. 5—CAMPTON BOG.

School money, \$61.82. Prudential committee, John Calley. Summer term of 8 weeks, May 3rd to June 25th. Teacher, N. Ella Wilkinson, of Plymouth. Number of pupils, 13; average attendance, 12.

Miss Wilkinson gave her pupils good drill, and taught a successful school.

DISTRICT NO. 6—BEECH HILL.

School money, \$84.90. Prudential committee, Edgar Merrill. Summer term of 8 weeks, May 10th to July 2nd. Teacher, Emma F. Stevens of Rumney. Number of pupils, 20; average attendance, 19.

Miss Stevens is a Normal graduate, and a successful teacher. The school shows the results of good training, not only during this term, but for previous terms.

DISTRICT No. 8—COOK'S HILL.

School money, \$76.62. Prudential committee, Perry Garland. Summer term of 8 weeks, May 17th to July 9th. Teacher, C. Josie Huckins, of Plymouth. Number of pupils, 18; average attendance, 18.

Miss Huckins has had a pleasant school, and done creditable work.

DISTRICT No. 9—BLAIR'S.

School money, \$82.31. Prudential Committee, Joseph C. Blair. Summer term of 10 weeks, May 3rd to July 9th. Teacher, Gertrude H. McCausland, of West Campton. Number of pupils, —; average attendance, —.

Miss McCausland has given excellent satisfaction, and with experience and training will make a first-class teacher.

DISTRICT No. 11—BUMP'S.

School money, \$62.85. Prudential committee, Herbert H. Brown. Summer term began June 1, with Miss Hattie E. Horne, of Sandwich, as teacher. At the end of a week the teacher left for home. After a week's vacation, Miss Emma A. Etteridge, of Holderness, re-opened the school. It was soon after broken up by measles, which attacked both teacher and pupils.

DISTRICT No. 12—LOWER VILLAGE.

School money, \$95.44. Prudential committee, William Stickney. Summer term of 8 weeks, May 3rd to June 29th. Teacher, Ellen M. Blakely, of Campton. Number of pupils, 12; average attendance, 11.5.

Miss Blakely has done her work quietly, but well. The school as a whole has made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 14—LIVERMORE FALLS.

School money, \$57.18. Prudential committee, Mrs. J. W. Rogers. Summer term of 8 weeks, May 24th to July 17th. Teacher, Mrs. Mattie R. Wallace, of Campton. Number of pupils, 10; average attendance, 8.

This school is a very pleasant one, pupils intelligent and interested. Mrs. Wallace is one of our best teachers, and is at home in the school.

JOHN M. FRENCH.

There has been a school in each of the 14 districts during the fall and winter, numbering in all, 258 different scholars not less than five years of age, all of whom have attended to reading and spelling. Not one in town between the ages of 14 and 21 who cannot read and write.

The number in town between 5 and 15, who have not attended school, as far as reported, five. The selectmen report the number of children in

town, April 1880, between the ages of five and fifteen: boys 108, girls 90, total 198.

The school committee has been censured for giving certificates to the undeserving, and for allowing schools to continue which proved to be unprofitable. It is doubtless, sometimes, better to allow a poor school to continue, than to dismiss the teacher; every one is liable to err in judgment.

Prudential committees have evidently desired good schools, and have aimed to secure teachers of supposed ability. In some instances their desire to economize was too strong, quite likely, for the best interests of the scholars. It is a fact more and more evident to the mass of people that the best teachers are the cheapest. For a good school is of great value not only to the scholars but also to the community. And a poor school is a serious damage to the scholars and the community. Those purposing to teach should be encouraged to endeavor to qualify themselves for first-class teachers. None others ought to be sought or accepted. The public school ought to be a safe place for the children of the community, where they would be under the best of influences, qualifying themselves for noble positions in life. But also, in some instances the reverse of this is true.

Teachers should teach thoroughly and according to the best approved methods, ever remembering that there is a marked difference between

telling and *teaching*; they should lead the pupil to think for himself, and to do a great deal of good work. They should be held responsible for a proper development of the physical, intellectual and moral natures of their pupils; for a faithful oversight of them from the time they arrive on the school ground in the morning until they leave it at night, if not from the time they leave home for school until they return; for the proper care of the school house and its furniture, that they be not injured, that the school room be properly warmed and ventilated. In some instances there has been a sad neglect of duty in these respects; considerable *telling* but little *teaching*, and very little thinking on the part of scholars or good work done by them. Scholars have been allowed to annoy and abuse their schoolmates, the school house and its furniture shamefully injured, the temperature of the room very irregular, thus the comfort and health of the scholars imperiled. The average boy or girl will do many things at school, that are out of the way, if the teacher allows it, and that which they would not think of doing at home. A man or woman who cannot maintain proper authority over a school is not a suitable person for a teacher. Several forces combine to give character to a school, but the most important is the teacher. With a good teacher we almost invariably have a good school, and with a poor teacher, as invariably, we have a poor school. A suitable house, proper appliances, well trained

children, parents co-operating, are, of course, necessary for the highest success. Other things being equal, those teachers who have had the advantages of the Normal school, secure the best results. Still there are those whom no amount of normal training can make superior teachers; and there are those who are most excellent teachers who have never attended a Normal school.

Parents and citizens generally, may do much to secure a high order of school; by truly appreciating the value of such a school, both to the children and to the community; by a hearty sympathy for the teacher in his or her perplexing work—than whom no class in community are more deserving;—by not withholding friendly criticism when occasion requires it; by encouraging the scholar with a word of commendation when deserving, or a kind word of admonition, when guilty; by never affording the mischievous or wayward scholar the least moral support in his wrong; and by using their influence to prevent the pupils from becoming so interested, in term time, in matters of less importance, that their attention is diverted from the legitimate work of the school.

Parents, sometimes, find it difficult to properly control, and interest in their studies, their own two or three children at home. We need not wonder that teachers find it difficult to manage and interest 25 or 30 children of every variety of temperament, and from homes where a great

diversity of management prevails. Let parents and all good citizens heartily co-operate with teachers in their efforts to interest the children in the legitimate work of the school, and to lead them to place a proper value on their school privileges.

Teachers report the following as not having been absent or tardy a single half day during the term:

NOTE.—S. stands for summer, w. for winter, b. for both terms.

No. 1. School in session.

No. 2. Georgia P. Avery, b., Bertha E. Blakely, b., Callie C. Burbank, b., Julia A. Burbank, b., Nellie Cotton, w., Nellie A. Nelson, s., Bessie E. Nelson, s., Eldora Page, s., Hattie H. Page, b., Alice C. Stickney, s., Edith D. Walton, s., David N. Blakely, b., Quincy Blakely, Jr., b., Uriah D. Cooper, s., Hartley J. Nelson, s., Willie Percival, w., Herbert Percival, w., Harry H. Stickney, s.

No. 3. Willie Plummer, s., Jason Webster, s., Nettie James, s., Bertha Smart, b., Lillie Thurston, w., Nettie Webster, s., Julia Webster, s.

No. 4. Ruth M. Avery, b., Susie J. Cochran, b., L. D. Moulton, s., Everett K. Avery, b., Geo. H. Clark, b.

No. 5. Georgia P. Calley, s., Gertrude E. Calley, b., Mary L. Mitchell, w., Lizzie G. Pulsifer, b.

No. 6. Herbert M. Coffin, s., Charlie Coffin, w., Emery A. B. Downing, s., Freeman A. Downing, s., Manning W. Downing, s., Leon Nelson, w., Leslie Nelson, w., Herbert M. Merrill, s., Frank Webster, b., Bertha A. Nelson, b., Mary L. Merrill, b., Martha Merrill, w.

No. 8. Austin W. Avery, s., George E. Kelley, s., J. Lewis Smith, s., Eliza Keniston, s., Mary E. Avery, s.

No. 9. George E. Avery, w., Frank G. Smith, w., Lizzie G. Smith, s.

No. 10. Herbert L. Avery, Oliver Hussey, Myrtie Avery, Nettie Avery, Martha D. Hussey, Edith M. Keniston, Abbie L. Keniston, Elsie Keniston.

No. 12. Annie E. Mitchell, b., Mattie A. Blaisdell, w., Mattie M. Southmayd, w., Fred. O. Mitchell, w.

No. 14. Hattie F. Eastman, b., Sadie F. Thompson, s.

Nos. 7, 11, 13, not any.

Scholars, whose standing in conduct during the term is reported, 100:

No. 2. Georgia P. Avery, b., Bertha E. Blakely, b., Mary Cotton, w., Austin Cotton, w.

No. 3. Bertie D. James, s., George W. Plummer, s., Willie H. Plummer, s., James B. Philbrick, s., George Webster, s., Jason Webster, s., Fannie Cook, s., Bell F. Dearborn, s., Eva M. James, s., Nettie M. James, s., Gertrude L. Philbrick, s., Alice M. Philbrick, s., Bertha M.

Smart, s., Abbie Wallace, s., Julia Webster, s., Nettie Webster, s.

No. 4. Ruth M. Avery, s., Mattie W. Avery, b., Susie J. Cochran, s., L. D. Moulton, s., Everett K. Avery, s., Ernest Clark, w., George H. Clark, b., Walter H. Colby, s.

No. 6. Herbert M. Coffin, w., Mary L. Merrill, w., Sarah Webster, w.

No. 7. Martha E. Blaisdell.

No. 8. Austin W. Avery, s.

Nos. 9, 12, not any. Nos. 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, conduct not reported.

Misses S. A. Badger, E. M. Blakely, J. S. Emmons, A. M. George, G. H. McCausland, A. C. Sargent, L. P. Whittemore and Mattie R. Wallace, filled out their registers properly and apparently with a good degree of accuracy—Miss Willoughby still teaching. But the failures in this regard on the part of other teachers will subject the committee to a great deal of extra labor, to enable him to make report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as by law required. No teacher is required, by law, to his or her wages, until they have caused all proper entries to be made in the register. If prudential committees would insist on obedience to this law, it would often save the school committee a great deal of expense in time and labor.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

James B. Rogers, Prudential committee. One term, 16 weeks; Miss Ida A. Willoughby, of

Holderness, teacher; 10 scholars: attending to penmanship 8, arithmetic 10, geography 8, grammar 6, algebra 1, philosophy 1.

Miss Willoughby is an excellent teacher. This is her fourth term in this district, and ever with general acceptance. School appeared well, the best classified of any in town, all in one class in reading and only two classes in spelling.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Winnie R. Dow, teacher, 12 weeks; 29 scholars: attending to penmanship 21, arithmetic 25, geography 14, grammar 6, history 5, physiology 1, book keeping 1, algebra 2.

Miss Dow did not give as good satisfaction as in some schools she has taught. There has been a great deal of complaint both by pupils and patrons, and not without reason.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Mr. Charles H. Glidden from Dartmouth College, teacher, 9 weeks; 34 pupils: attending to penmanship 26, arithmetic 27, geography 25, grammar 3, composition 3, algebra 3.

Mr. Glidden is a man of fine attainments, very quiet, yet active in the school room. If the scholars had been as faithful as the teacher, and parents had more heartily co-operated with him, better results might have been reached. Miss Jennie M. Kinsman is now teaching a private school here which is being patronized also by some from the lower village.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Whittemore recommenced her school Aug. 23 and taught with excellent success 5.4 weeks, when school suddenly suspended on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever in the district. On this account and the fact that so long a time has been consumed in extensive repairs on the school house there has been no more school.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Miss Mary L. Gilbert, of Rumney, teacher—her first school, 9 weeks; 17 scholars: attending to penmanship 17, arithmetic 13, geography 5, grammar 2, physiology 1, algebra 2.

Miss Gilbert has the elements of a good teacher; age and experience will, I trust, develop them to a high degree. Scholars apparently paid marked deference to the wishes of the teacher and made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Miss Winnie R. Dow taught 7.5 weeks in the fall; 24 scholars: attending to penmanship 16, arithmetic 19, geography 12, grammar 1, history 4, composition 1.

Miss Dow is a teacher of considerable experience, energetic, and met with fair success. School appeared well at the time the committee was in.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Mrs. E. C. Southmayd, Prudential committee. One term, 14 weeks, commencing Oct. 4, Miss

Ellen W. Smith, of Holderness, teacher, who has taught several terms in town, and as now giving general satisfaction; 12 scholars: attending to penmanship 12, arithmetic 12, geography 4, grammar 4, history 1, book-keeping 2. An orderly school.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Miss Sarah S. Huckins, of Holderness, teacher, 7 weeks; 16 scholars: attending to penmanship 6, arithmetic 14, geography 6, grammar 1.

School closed unexpectedly. Some in the district expressed dissatisfaction with the school, and the teacher voluntarily retired from the field.

Miss Huckins really needs more maturity in age and better intellectual attainments before undertaking a winter school of ordinary demands.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Miss McCausland continued teaching, and continued to maintain her well-deserved, good reputation as an instructor and a disciplinarian. School 12 weeks; 18 scholars: attending to penmanship 9, arithmetic 18, geography 5, grammar 8, history 3, book-keeping 5. Scholars well disposed and studious.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Frank A. Avery, Prudential committee. One term, 12 weeks, 10 scholars, commencing in Sept. Attending to penmanship 10, arithmetic 9, geography 9, grammar 1, history 1, composition 1.

Miss N. Ella Wilkinson, of Plymouth, teacher, who gave general satisfaction, as she had done in this district before. Scholars well disposed, evinced a good degree of interest in their work, and made good improvement.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Miss Alice M. George, of Holderness, teacher, 8 weeks; 19 scholars: attending to penmanship 16, arithmetic 18, geography 10, grammar 1, book-keeping 1.

Order and discipline excellent, method of teaching good, fair progress in studies made.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Miss S. Addie Badger, of Meredith, teacher, 10 weeks; 18 scholars: attending to penmanship 13, arithmetic 17, geography 12, grammar 7, history 1, composition 2, book-keeping 2.

Miss Badger's theory of teaching is good; scholars intent on learning made commendable advance; the government of the school not quite as good as desirable.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Archie Robie, Prudential committee. One term of 11 weeks, taught by Miss Augusta C. Sargent, of Bridgewater, who has had a large experience in teaching. 7 scholars: attending to penmanship 7, arithmetic 7, geography 2, grammar 1.

If such excellent instruction can be given, and such admirable order maintained, and such commendable advance in studies attained, in such a school house, what might we not hope for, with the same teacher and pupils, in a more convenient and desirable school house.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Mrs. Mattie R. Wallace, teacher, 11 weeks; 11 scholars: attending to penmanship 7, arithmetic 10, geography 7, grammar 6, book-keeping 2, philosophy 1, astronomy 1.

Mrs. Wallace has had a long and successful career in teaching, and maintains her deep interest in the work, and, in a good degree, meets all reasonable demands as to teaching and governing. School appeared to a good advantage in their pleasant tidy schoolroom.

Respectfully submitted,

QUINCY BLAKELY,

School Committee.

Campton, N. H., Feb. 25, 1881.



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